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In Re Reissue Application of)
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Serial No. 09/632,812) Examiner: Cynthia L. Nessler
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For: AMINE HEAT STABLE SALT)
REMOVAL FROM TYPE II ANION)
EXCHANGE RESIN)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2001, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit this response and request that the Examiner reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. A three-month extension of time, together with authorization to charge the required fee therefor, is filed herewith. Because the number of claims does not exceed the number originally paid for, Applicants believe no additional claim fee is due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fee required to reconsider the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Remarks

The Invention

The invention is directed to a method for removing thiocyanate and other heat stable salt anions from aqueous alkanolamine solution by contacting the solution with a Type II strong base anion exchange resin, and thereafter regenerating the resin by contacting it with alkali metal

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